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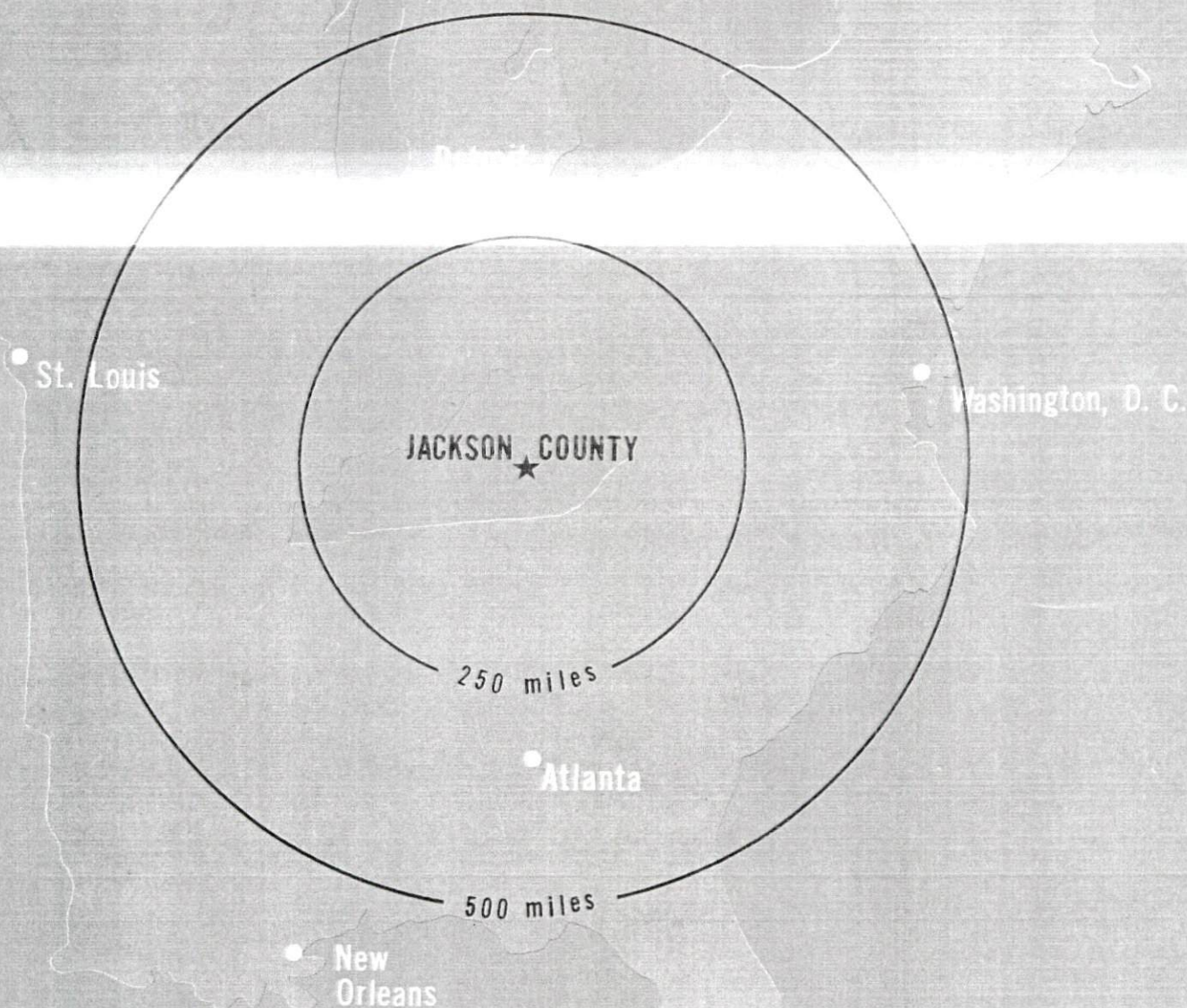
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JACKSON COUNTY
KENTUCKY



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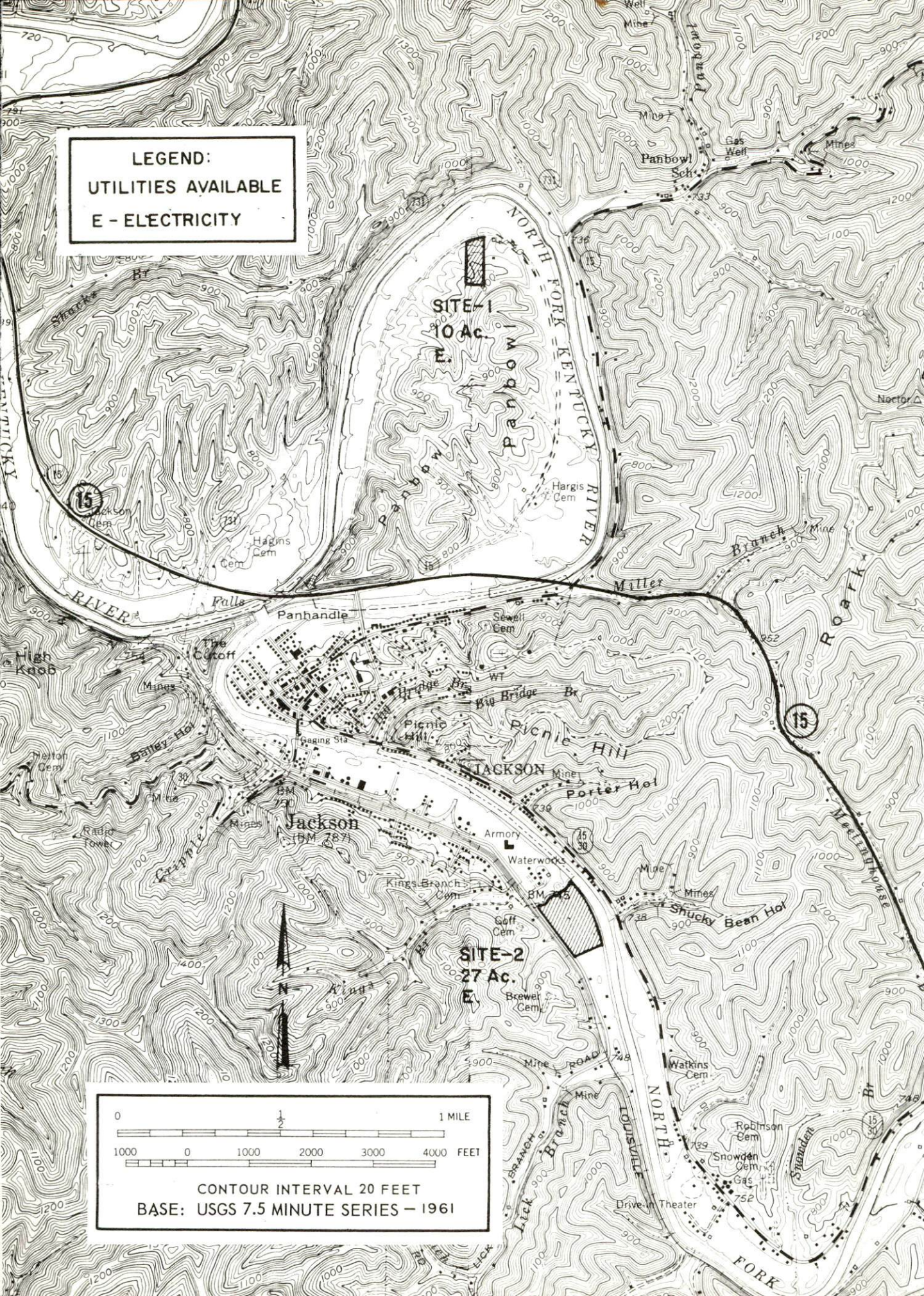
JACKSON INDUSTRIAL SITES

Cost per acre of the following sites will be furnished upon request by Donald Ison, Panbowl Road, Jackson, Kentucky, Phone 666-5004; or the Kentucky Department of Commerce, Washington and Wapping Streets, Frankfort, Kentucky.

SITE #1: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 10 acres, rolling to level
LOCATION: North edge of city in Panbowl area
ZONING: Commercial and residential
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Gravel road off of new Kentucky 15. Access road to be improved and paved by State
RAILROADS: None
WATER: Will be extended by City SIZE LINE: As required
GAS: Will be extended by Panbowl Gas Co. SIZE LINE: As required
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Power Company
SEWERAGE: Will be extended by City
OWNED BY: Lakeside Estates; under oral option to Breathitt County Industrial Development Foundation, Inc.

SITE #2: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 27 acres, flat land
LOCATION: Armory Drive, Jackson, Kentucky
ZONING: Commercial and residential
HIGHWAY ACCESS: By paved city street
RAILROADS: Louisville & Nashville Railroad at site
WATER: Will be extended by City SIZE LINE: 6-inch or more
GAS: Will be extended by Panbowl Gas Co. SIZE LINE: As required
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Power Company
SEWERAGE: Will be extended by City
OWNED BY: Russell Reynolds, Jackson, Kentucky

LEGEND:
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JACKSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

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JACKSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, A PROFILE

Location

Jackson County is located in the heart of historic Daniel Boone National Forest, in the southeastern part of Kentucky. It is only 57 miles southeast of Lexington, 135 miles from metropolitan Louisville, and 146 miles from the Greater Cincinnati area. McKee, county seat of Jackson County, is 25 miles east of Interstate 75, a north-south route extending 191 miles through Kentucky.

The Economy

The Jackson County economy is primarily influenced by employment in agriculture and government. Total county employment averaged 2,070 in 1968, of which 860 were employed in agriculture and 365 in government. Trade and services employment totaled 150, and 190 people were employed in transportation, communication and utilities. The per capita income for 1968 was \$1,070 for a gain of 123.4 percent during the previous nine years.

Government ranks first in employment in the eight-county Jackson County labor market area providing jobs for 7,480; agriculture 7,100; trade and services 6,400; and 3,400 in manufacturing.

Labor Supply

There is a current labor supply of 6,700 men and 7,400 women available for industrial jobs in the Jackson County area.

During the next five years an additional 7,200 boys and 7,000 girls will reach the age of 18 years and augment the labor supply.

Services

The Louisville & Nashville Railroad at Berea, 25 miles distant, is the nearest rail service.

Interstate 75 is 25 miles from McKee via U. S. 421.

Inter- and intrastate trucking service is provided by McDuffee Motor Freight, Inc.

The nearest airport is the London-Corbin War Memorial Airport, 36 miles distant.

Education

There are two excellent institutions of higher education near McKee - Eastern Kentucky University at Richmond, Kentucky, 36 miles distant; and Berea College, Berea, Kentucky, 25 miles north of McKee.

Recreation

A large variety of entertainment is available within a 60-mile radius of McKee. Berea College, University of Kentucky, Centre College, Eastern Kentucky University, and Union College offer drama, music concerts, and art exhibits that are open to the public.

Pine Mountain State Park, 69 miles distant, has boat rental, paddle boats, fishing, nine-hole golf course, horseback riding, supervised recreation, hiking, picnic shelter, playground, and a wild flower garden. The Mountain Laurel Festival is held the last weekend in May. "The Book of Job," a choral drama, is staged in the Laurel Cove Amphitheater in June, July, and August.

THE LABOR MARKET

Population

Jackson County had an estimated population of 9,700 in 1969, a slight decline since 1960. McKee had a population of 234 in 1960.

TABLE 1

POPULATION TREND - McKEE AND JACKSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY ^{1/}

| Year | McKee | | Jackson County | |
|-------------|------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| | Population | %Change | Population | %Change |
| 1900 | | | 10,561 | |
| 1950 | | | 13,101 | 24.1 |
| 1960 | 234 | | 10,677 | -18.5 |
| 1969 (Est.) | | | 9,700 ^{2/} | - 9.2 |

General Employment Characteristics

During 1968 total employment in Jackson County averaged 2,070. Major segments of employment are agriculture (860), government (365), trade and services (150), transportation, communication, and utilities (190), manufacturing (75). Unemployment was equivalent to 11.5 percent of the labor force.

Total employment in the Jackson County labor market area, which includes Jackson, Clay, Estill, Laurel, Lee, Madison, Owsley, and Rockcastle Counties, during 1968 averaged 31,300. There were 7,480 persons employed in government, 7,100 in agriculture, 6,400 in trade and services, and 3,400 in manufacturing.

Manufacturing Characteristics

In September, 1968, manufacturing accounted for approximately 75 jobs in Jackson County. No significant changes have occurred in manufacturing employment in the county since 1959.

TABLE 2

JACKSON COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS WITH PRODUCTS
AND EMPLOYMENT ^{3/}

| Firm | Product | Employment | | |
|--|----------------------------|------------|------|--------|
| | | Total | Male | Female |
| <u>McKee</u> Jackson County Sun | Newspaper, job printing | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| <u>Annville</u> Wilson Lumber & Stave Co. | Lumber, barrel staves | 17 | 15 | 2 |
| <u>Dabolt</u> Jackson County Lumber Co., Inc. | Rough lumber | 22 | 22 | 0 |

Manufacturing activity in the Jackson County labor market area has experienced strong growth during the 1960's - manufacturing employment totaled 3,400 in September, 1968, for a 48.9 percent increase during the past nine years.

The greatest production concentration is in electrical equipment, apparel, and rubber products.

Five firms in the Jackson County area employ 100 or more. These include Caron Spinning Company, Lycoming Shoe Company, Westinghouse Electric Company, Robinson Tool & Dye Company, and H. K. Porter. Gibson Greeting Card Company, under construction, will realize an eventual employment of 400. Of the total employment 50.8 percent are females.

TABLE 3

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT, JACKSON COUNTY LABOR
MARKET AREA, SEPTEMBER, 1968 ^{4/}

| Industry | Employment | | |
|--|------------|-------|----------|
| | 1968 | 1960 | % Change |
| TOTAL | 3,407 | 2,288 | 48.9 |
| Machinery, metal products and equipment | 949 | 474 | 100.2 |
| Apparel and leather | 630 | 252 | 150.0 |
| Chemical, petroleum, coal and rubber | 596 | 559 | 6.6 |
| Food | 399 | 352 | 13.4 |
| Stone, clay and glass | 229 | 56 | 308.9 |

Labor Organizations

Jackson County manufacturing firms are not presently unionized.

Wage Levels

The 1968 average weekly wage in all industries covered by unemployment insurance in Jackson County was \$83.17, and \$30.05 for manufacturing. Comparable figures for Kentucky were \$112.16 for all industries; \$123.97 for manufacturing. All counties in the labor market area were below the Kentucky averages leading to a tentative conclusion that workers could be recruited for production jobs in Jackson County at about the minimum wage level for production jobs.

The following wages are examples of the labor costs for certain skills in Jackson County: 5/

| <u>Production Employees</u> | <u>Wages Per Hour</u> | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | <u>Starting</u> | <u>Maximum</u> | <u>Prevailing</u> |
| Assembler | \$1.60 | \$1.75 | \$1.60 |
| Inspector | 1.60 | 1.75 | 1.60 |
| Production Laborer | 1.60 | 1.75 | 1.60 |
| <u>Service Employees</u> | | | |
| Carpenter | \$2.00 | \$4.25 | \$2.90 |
| Electrician | 2.25 | 4.25 | 3.25 |
| Janitor | 1.60 | 1.75 | 1.60 |
| Laborer | 1.60 | 1.75 | 1.60 |
| Truck Driver | 1.60 | 2.00 | 1.60 |
| <u>Office Employees</u> | | | |
| Bookkeeper or Accounting Clerk | \$1.60 | \$2.50 | \$2.00 |
| File Clerk | 1.60 | 1.70 | 1.60 |
| Key Punch Operator | 1.60 | 1.75 | 1.60 |
| Receptionist | 1.60 | 1.75 | 1.60 |
| Secretary | 1.60 | 1.75 | 1.60 |
| Stenographer | 1.60 | 2.00 | 1.60 |
| Tabulating Machine Operator | 1.60 | 1.75 | 1.60 |
| Telephone Operator | 1.60 | 1.80 | 1.60 |

Labor Supply

There is an estimated current labor supply of 6,700 men and 7,400 women available for industrial jobs in the Jackson County labor market area. The current labor supply includes the unemployed, underemployed, and persons who would enter the labor force if jobs become available. During the next five years 7,200 boys and 7,000 girls will become 18 years of age, augmenting this current labor supply.

Workers could be expected to commute to McKee from Clay, Estill, Laurel, Lee, Owsley, and Rockcastle Counties in response to job opportunities, due to the large available labor supply within these counties.

TABLE 4

CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR SUPPLY - McKEE LABOR MARKET AREA

| County | Current Labor Supply ^{6/} | | | Future Labor Supply by 1975 ^{7/} | | |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------|--------|---|-------|--------|
| | 1969 | | | (Becoming 18 Years of Age) | | |
| | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female |
| Labor Market Area | 13,798 | 6,661 | 7,407 | 14,240 | 7,243 | 6,997 |
| Jackson | 1,648 | 729 | 919 | 1,265 | 669 | 596 |
| Clay | 2,247 | 866 | 1,381 | 2,804 | 1,429 | 1,375 |
| Estill | 1,473 | 794 | 679 | 1,252 | 615 | 637 |
| Laurel | 2,663 | 1,012 | 1,651 | 2,828 | 1,434 | 1,395 |
| Lee | 1,077 | 519 | 558 | 885 | 457 | 428 |
| Madison | 1,623 | 845 | 778 | 3,220 | 1,627 | 1,593 |
| Owsley | 1,401 | 923 | 748 | 577 | 269 | 308 |
| Rockcastle | 1,666 | 973 | 693 | 1,408 | 743 | 665 |

Income

The total personal income in Jackson County in 1968 was estimated at \$10,380,000. Per capita income was \$1,070 for a gain of \$479 during the previous nine years. ^{8/}

EDUCATION

The educational system in the Jackson County area has the facilities to produce an effective labor force for future industrial growth.

Elementary and High Schools

The Jackson County School System consists of one high school, with a standard rating, and five elementary schools. A speech therapist, two guidance counselors, seven remedial reading teachers, three teachers for exceptional children and two home instructors serve on the staff. Employment for the 1968-69 school year totaled 127 professional and 71 non-professional employees.

Students are transported daily to the vocational school in adjoining Clay County.

The 1968-69 budget for the Jackson County School System was \$1, 367, 467.

TABLE 5

SCHOOLS, ENROLLMENT, NUMBER OF TEACHERS, STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO IN McKEE AND JACKSON COUNTY, 1968-69 ^{9/}

| School | Enrollment | No. of Teachers | Student-Teacher Ratio |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Jackson County Elementaries (total) | 1, 914 | 67 | 28-1 |
| Jackson County High School | 591 | 28 | 21-1 |
| Annville Institute High (private) | 142 | 11 | 12-1 |

Vocational Schools

McKee is served by an Extension Center of the Harlan Area Vocational-Technical School. The Center, completed in 1967, is located in Manchester, Kentucky, 29 miles from McKee. Courses offered include carpentry, drafting, electricity, welding, auto mechanics, home appliance repair, and business and office education.

A new extension of the Harlan Area Vocational-Technical School, completed in 1968, is located at Mt. Vernon, 50 miles distant.

Colleges

Eastern Kentucky University, located in Richmond, Kentucky, 36 miles north of McKee, had a September 1968 enrollment of over 9,000 students. The University is coeducational and offers a general and liberal arts program, pre-professional and professional training in education and various other fields at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Berea College, a four-year coeducational institution, is located in Berea, Kentucky, 25 miles from McKee. Primarily a liberal arts college, Berea College offers the A. B. Degree in more than twenty fields and the B. S. Degree in five.

Other institutions of higher learning in the Jackson County area include:

| <u>College or University</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Distance</u> |
|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Sue Bennett Junior College | London, Kentucky | 36 miles |
| Centre College | Danville, Kentucky | 58 miles |
| Cumberland College | Williamsburg, Kentucky | 69 miles |
| University of Kentucky | Lexington, Kentucky | 57 miles |
| Transylvania College | Lexington, Kentucky | 57 miles |

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

The nearest rail facilities are located in Berea, Kentucky, 25 miles from McKee. The Louisville & Nashville Railroad provides Berea with two local freights and an average of eight through freights daily.

The nearest "piggyback" facilities are located at Richmond, Kentucky, 36 miles from McKee.

TABLE 6

RAILWAY TRANSIT TIME FROM BEREa, KENTUCKY, TO: 10/

| No. of Days | | No. of Days | |
|------------------|----|---------------------|----|
| City | CL | City | CL |
| Atlanta, Ga. | 3 | Los Angeles, Calif. | 6 |
| Birmingham, Ala. | 4 | Louisville, Ky. | 2 |
| Chicago, Ill. | 4 | Nashville, Tenn. | 3 |
| Cincinnati, Ohio | 2 | New Orleans, La. | 5 |
| Cleveland, Ohio | 4 | New York, N. Y. | 5 |
| Detroit, Mich. | 5 | Pittsburgh, Pa. | 4 |
| Knoxville, Tenn. | 2 | St. Louis, Mo. | 3 |

Highways

U. S. Highway 421 and Kentucky Routes 89 and 290 serve McKee. Interstate 75, a north-south route, is 25 miles from McKee. The interstate arteries provide linkage to the major markets of the nation.

Truck Service: McKee is provided inter- and intrastate trucking service by McDuffee Motor Freight, Inc. (Ellis Trucking), whose home office is located in Indianapolis, Indiana.

TABLE 7

HIGHWAY MILES AND TRUCK TRANSIT TIME FROM McKEE,
KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

| City | Highway Miles | Delivery Time (Days) | | City | Highway Miles | Delivery Time <u>11</u> / LTL TL | |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|----|---------------------|------------------|--|----|
| | | LTL | TL | | | LTL | TL |
| Atlanta, Ga. | 319 | 2 | 2 | Los Angeles, Calif. | 2,245 | 5 | 4 |
| Birmingham, Ala. | 405 | 2 | 2 | Louisville, Ky. | 135 | 1 | 1 |
| Chicago, Ill. | 419 | 1 | 1 | Nashville, Tenn. | 207 | 1 | 1 |
| Cincinnati, Ohio | 150 | 1 | 1 | New Orleans, La. | 882 | 3 | 2 |
| Cleveland, Ohio | 387 | 2 | 1 | New York, N. Y. | 791 | 3 | 2 |
| Detroit, Mich. | 405 | 2 | 1 | Pittsburgh, Pa. | 407 | 3 | 2 |
| Knoxville, Tenn. | 128 | 1 | 1 | St. Louis, Mo. | 405 | 3 | 2 |

Air

The nearest major airport serving McKee is the London-Corbin War Memorial Airport, approximately 36 miles distant. Commercial service is provided by Piedmont Airlines with six flights daily. The runway was recently extended to 6,000 feet in length and 150 feet in width and is equipped for night operation. Charter and private flying service and car rentals are available.

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

The Jackson County RECC serves approximately 3,200 consumers in McKee and Jackson County. The transmission line from the source of supply, the East Kentucky RECC, has a capacity of 69,000 volts. Generating capacity available is 26,750 KW. East Kentucky RECC is a generation and transmission cooperative which transmits low-cost, wholesale power to its 18-member rural electrics.

Industrial rates may be obtained from the Jackson County RECC, McKee, Kentucky; East Kentucky RECC, Winchester, Kentucky; or the Kentucky Department of Commerce, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Natural Gas

Natural gas is not available in Jackson County. Liquid petroleum is provided to the residents of the county by two local distributors.

Coal

McKee is served by the Eastern Kentucky Coal Field. Delivery costs for industrial and domestic coal applicable to Berea, the nearest point of rail service, are shown below. 12/

| <u>Point of Origin</u> | <u>Freight Delivery Cost (Net Ton)</u> |
|------------------------|--|
| Jellico-Middlesboro | \$2.64 |
| Harlan | 2.64 |
| Hazard | 3.06 |
| Elkhorn | 3.13 |

Fuel Oil

Kentucky has three fuel oil refineries located in Catlettsburg, Louisville, and Somerset. Kentucky's fuel supply is supplemented by border state operations.

Delivered prices of the various grades may be obtained from the Kentucky Department of Commerce.

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

The McKee Water & Sewage Commission, whose source of raw water is a 13-acre lake, supplies the city with treated water. The daily treatment capacity of the plant is 140,000 gallons and the average daily use is 40,000 gallons. The maximum daily use has been 50,000 gallons. Water is distributed through 3-, 4-, and 6-inch lines and average pressure is maintained at 95 psi. Treated water is stored in a 100,000-gallon tank. Water treatment consists of filtering and chlorination.

Rates are:

In City Limits Per Month (\$4 minimum per month)

| | | |
|----------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| First | 2,000 gallons or less | \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons |
| Next | 18,000 gallons or less | 1.00 per 1,000 gallons |
| Next | 20,000 gallons or less | .80 per 1,000 gallons |
| Next | 30,000 gallons or less | .60 per 1,000 gallons |
| Next | 30,000 gallons or less | .50 per 1,000 gallons |
| All over | 100,000 gallons | .40 per 1,000 gallons |

Out of City - 25% added (\$5 minimum per month)

| | | | |
|----------|------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| First | 2,000 gallons or less | \$2.50 | per 1,000 gallons |
| Next | 18,000 gallons or less | 1.25 | per 1,000 gallons |
| Next | 20,000 gallons or less | 1.00 | per 1,000 gallons |
| Next | 30,000 gallons or less | .75 | per 1,000 gallons |
| Next | 30,000 gallons or less | .62 1/2 | per 1,000 gallons |
| All over | 100,000 gallons | .50 | per 1,000 gallons |

Sewerage

Sewage receives primary and secondary treatment consisting of clarification and aeration. The system is designed to serve a population of 500. The surplus capacity of the system is presently 250 population. Sanitary sewers are 4, 6, and 8 inches. Separate 18-inch storm sewers are maintained. The treated effluent is emptied into Indian Creek.

Sewerage rates - 50% of monthly water bill.

AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

Agriculture

The approximate total land area of Jackson County is 215,680 acres, with 50 percent of the area devoted to farm land. In 1964, there were 1,326 farms in the county with an average size of 81 acres.

Farm income in the county is largely from the production of burley tobacco, supplemented by cattle and dairying. The 1964 value of sales of all farm products totaled \$2,351,358, averaging \$1,773 per farm. Crop sales totaled \$1,722,353; livestock and livestock products totaled \$629,004.

In 1967, agricultural production in Jackson County included 2.4 million pounds of burley tobacco and 175,000 bushels of corn. Livestock on farms as of January 1, 1968, included 8,600 cattle and calves, and 3,300 hogs and pigs. Milk cows on farms during 1966 averaged 2,600 head, with milk production for the year totaling 13.1 million pounds.

Mineral Resources

The most important mineral resources of Jackson County, produced in order of value in 1967, are limestone, coal, and petroleum. Small amounts of gas have been found during the exploration for oil.

There were two limestone quarries in operation during 1966 in which 73,600 short tons were produced for a total value of \$110,000. Two quarries were also in operation during 1967, but quantity and value are not known. The limestone is crushed and used for concrete and roadstone.

In 1967, coal was taken from two underground mines producing 7,000 short tons which was valued at \$35,000. Through 1967 an accumulative total of 5,741,464 tons had been produced.

Production of a small quantity of petroleum has been reported. Through 1968 an accumulative total of 201,182 barrels of oil had been produced. A total of 169 barrels was produced in 1968.

Water Resources

Middle Fork of Rockcastle River affords the largest supply of surface water in Jackson County. Impoundments on tributaries may also serve as surface water potentials.

The expected yield of ground water in the northwestern and central portions of the county is 5 gpm or less, but for the remaining portion expected yield is much greater (5 - 50 gpm) which would offer potential for industrial water supplies. Exceptions may be found in restricted areas.

Forests

There are 161,200 acres of commercial forest land in Jackson County, covering 74.7 percent of the total land area. The most abundant species are red oaks, white oaks, hickories, yellow pines, yellow poplar, soft maple, and beech.

Within a 50-mile radius of McKee, the county seat, there are more than three million acres of commercial forest land. In 1962, 126 million board feet of timber were harvested from this area. Forestry authorities agree that the desirable annual cut should be much larger. While some of the timber harvest is used locally, most of it is shipped out of the area for further processing.

Forests of the entire area receive organized protection from fire from the State Department of Natural Resources.

Climate

McKee has an attractive year-round climate. The average temperature in the winter months is 33 degrees, for the spring and fall months in the middle 60's, and in the 80's during the summer months.

Winter is short - snowfall is light and rarely lasts longer than a few days. The average yearly precipitation is 43.12 inches.

In an average year 161 days are cloudy, 105 days partly cloudy, and 99 days are clear.

The prevailing wind is from the northeast and an average year has 18 days of fog.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

McKee, a fifth-class city, is governed by a mayor and five councilmen who are elected for four-year terms.

Jackson County is governed by a county judge and three magistrates who are elected for four-year terms.

Finance

The City of McKee had an income of \$6,876 for the 12 months ending June 30, 1968, while expenditures totaled \$6,948. There is no city bonded indebtedness.

Jackson County's estimated budget for the fiscal year 1968-69 was \$29,803. The county has no bonded indebtedness. Bonded indebtedness for the Jackson County School System as of June 30, 1969, was \$726,000.

Taxes

Property taxes are a major source of income for McKee and Jackson County. Property must be assessed at 100 percent of fair cash value under provisions of the Kentucky Constitution. Net assessed value of property in 1968 in Jackson County was:

| <u>Classes of Property</u> | <u>Jackson County</u> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Real Estate | \$23,803,017 |
| Tangibles | 3,547,501 |
| Public Service | 2,261,176 |

The 1968 property tax rates for McKee and Jackson County are shown in Table 8.

TABLE 8

PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE FOR McKEE
AND JACKSON COUNTY, 1968 ^{13/}

| Taxing Unit | McKee | Jackson County |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| State | \$.015 | \$.015 |
| County | .136 | .136 |
| School | .320 | .320 |
| City | <u>.220</u> | <u> </u> |
| Total | \$.691 | \$.471 |

As provided by state law, McKee may allow a five-year exemption from municipal taxation for new industries.

Safety

Fire: McKee's fire department staff consists of a chief and 18 volunteers. Equipment consists of a 600-gpm pumper truck, 800 feet of 3-inch hose, 600 feet of 2-inch hose, foam equipment and a portable pump.

Police: Police protection in McKee is provided by one night patrolman.

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office is staffed by a sheriff and one deputy. One patrol car equipped with a two-way radio is utilized.

A Kentucky State trooper is stationed at McKee.

Sanitation

Free municipal garbage collection is provided twice a week in the residential and business areas of McKee.

HEALTH

Hospitals

The nearest hospital serving residents of Jackson County is located in Berea, Kentucky, 25 miles distant. This completely modern facility has 75 beds, 14 bassinets, operating rooms, diagnostic X-ray, laboratory, obstetrics section, outpatient clinic, physiotherapy, dietary kitchen, and emergency equipment. The staff includes 14 doctors and 21 registered nurses.

Nursing Home

The Berea Nursing Home, Berea, Kentucky, was constructed in 1967 and has 38 beds.

Public Health

The Jackson County Health Department, located in McKee, is housed in a modern brick building, and is staffed by two clerks, one home health aide, and one public health nurse. The part-time staff consists of a health officer, nurse supervisor, administrative assistant, health educator, two public health nurses, and a nutritionist. The service of a physical therapist is available when needed.

The Department extends the following services: immunization clinic, maternal and infant care, multiphasic screening (complete physical for 18-year olds and over), chronic disease control, outpatient services, and TB control.

The budget for 1968 was \$35,140.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Housing

There is a limited number of houses for sale or rent in McKee.

Communication

Telephone: The Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., serves 2,775 customers in McKee and Jackson County.

Telegraph: There is no telegraph service in McKee at this time.

Postal: McKee has a second-class post office with five employees. Two rural routes are served. Mail is received and dispatched once a day.

Newspapers: The Jackson County Sun is a weekly paper serving 1,750 subscribers in McKee and Jackson County. Daily papers are received from Lexington and Louisville, Kentucky, and Cincinnati, Ohio.

Radio: Radio reception from Lexington and Renfro Valley, Kentucky, is considered good.

Television: Television reception is good from stations in Lexington, Kentucky, and Knoxville, Tennessee. Programs are received by the use of outside antennas.

Libraries

The Jackson County Public Library, located in McKee, had a total circulation of 23,000 volumes in 1968. It is open on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m., except during the summer months when it is open six days a week.

A bookmobile, which operates in the rural area of the county 5 days a week, had a circulation of 69,715 volumes during fiscal year 1967-68.

Churches

The following denominations are represented in McKee and Jackson County: Baptist, Christian, Church of God, The Holiness Church, Church of the Nazarene, Reformed Church of America, Catholic.

Financial Institutions

| <u>Bank</u> | <u>Statement as of December 31, 1968</u> | |
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| | <u>Assets</u> | <u>Deposits</u> |
| Jackson County Bank | \$8, 942, 215. 17 | \$8, 150, 769. 18 |

Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic: Jaycees, Kiwanis

Fraternal: Masonic, VFW

Women's: Ladies' Aid, King's Daughters', Eastern Star

Youth: 4-H Club, Junior Fish and Game Club, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts

Other: Coon Hunters Club, Fish and Game Club

Recreation

Local: Bond Memorial Park, located in McKee, has a basketball court, baseball diamond, croquet court and one tennis court. Little League baseball is sponsored by the community. Turkey Foot Park, 7 miles distant, offers excellent picnicking and camping areas. Rockcastle River, approximately 7 miles from McKee, and S-Tree Tower Park, 12 miles away, offer camping, swimming, and canoeing. Legal size trout are stocked in the Daniel Boone National Forest stream during March, April, May, June, and July each year.

Area: Natural Bridge State Park, 48 miles north of McKee, attracts nearly one million tourists each year. The park is a complete vacation resort which offers deluxe accommodations in both the modern lodge and housekeeping cottages. Services and facilities include a dining room with excellent cuisine, gift shops, Olympic pool, bathhouse, boat rental, paddle boats, fishing, horseback riding, supervised recreation, hiking, and picnic shelters.

Pine Mountain State Park is approximately 74 miles south of McKee. The park has a lodge, pool, boat rental, fishing, 9-hole golf course, horseback riding, hiking, shuffleboard, amphitheater, picnic shelters, and wild flower gardens. The Mountain Laurel Festival is held the last weekend in May and "The Book of Job," a choral drama, is staged in Laurel Cove Amphitheater in late June, July, and August.

Community Improvements

Public: New Mercury vapor lights have been installed on the main street. A new water treatment plant and a sewage treatment plant were put into operation in 1964, at a cost of \$2,006,500 and \$125,000, respectively. A new Jackson County Board of Education office building was completed in 1969 at a total cost of \$50,000. A new Jackson County High School was completed in 1967 costing approximately \$850,000. A new McKee Elementary School will be under construction in the Fall of 1969. An addition to the Sand Gap Elementary School was completed in 1968 at a cost of \$140,000. A new elementary school at Tyner will soon be completed at a cost of \$1,000,000.

HISTORY

Jackson County, the one-hundred and fifth county formed in Kentucky, dates from 1885 and was named for General Andrew Jackson of Tennessee. The first settlers were widespread, unlike the situation in most of Kentucky's areas. A few caves and mounds are in the region. Archaeological evidence indicates that either Indians or their predecessors made salt in the caves and constructed the mounds as ceremonial burial sites for their dead.

McKee, the county seat, was named for Judge George McKee of Garrard County, who lived at the present site of the town. McKee's location is as near the geographical center of the county as any county seat in the state.

The most noted Jackson countian was David R. Francis. He moved to St. Louis at the age of sixteen, and graduated from Washington University at the age of twenty. In 1885, he was elected Mayor of St. Louis. He later served a term as Governor of Missouri. He was Secretary of the Interior under President Grover Cleveland. In 1916, he was appointed Ambassador to Russia and remained at his post after the Russian Revolution in efforts to keep that country united with the Allies.

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